GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ISSUANCE OF MULTIPURPOSE NATIONAL IDENTITY CARD
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has launched Multi-Purpose National Indentity Card (MNIC) scheme recently as reported in the Hindu dated May 26, 2007;

(b) if so, the names of the States where this scheme has been launched;

(c) the time by when the said scheme is likely to be implemented in all States;

(d) the criteria adopted by the Government to cover the citizen of the country under the scheme; and

(e) the total funds granted by the Government towards the scheme and total funds utilized so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO H. GAVIT)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. The distribution of identity cards under the Pilot Project on MNIC has been commenced from 26th May, 2007. The Pilot Project has been under implementation in the selected areas of twelve (12) states and one (1) Union Territory namely Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Delhi, Goa, Gujarat, Jammu and Kashmir, Rajasthan, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Puducherry since November, 2003 and covers a population of 30.95 lakhs. Under the Project identity cards would be given to those who are 18 years of age and above and who have been able to give proof of citizenship at the time of verification.

The Government proposes to implement the scheme in the entire country after the results of the Pilot Project are available.

(e): An amount of Rs. 44.36 crores has been sanctioned for the Pilot Project, out of which Rs. 15.66 crores has been spent so far.